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THE NEXT MORNING.























AMY. BABE. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK MORE HOURS, MAYBE WILL HIRE SOMEONE ELSE ON. BUT I HAVE OTHER THINGS I HAVE TO DO. I WON'T BE AROUND MUCH.

IT'S AN OBLIGATION.
I CAN'T TELL YOU MORE THAN
THAT, YOU'LL HAVE TO MAKE
DO, WE'LL MANAGE.















DYNAMITE° IN THE NEWS - NOVEMBER 2013

BILL WILLINGHAM, BESTSELLING WRITER OF FABLES, PRESENTS LEGENDERRY: A STEAMPUNK ADVENTURE EVENT SERIES FROM DYNAMITE



mamite proudly announces Legenderry: A Dynamite prougly amounts a seven-issue Steampunk Adventure, a seven-issue monthly crossover event featuring classic monthly crossover event featuring classic characters of comics and film as reimagined by bestselling writer Bill Willingham (Fables). Featuring interior artwork by Sergio Fernandez Davila, Legenderry launches in January featuring covers by celebrated stampunk artist Joe Benitez (Lady Mechanika).

"This is a story where I get to have my cake and eat it too," says Bill Willingham. "I get to work with some of my favorite characters from comic books, prose, and film, but also get to create brand new versions of each one of them. That way, I don't have to make a single one of them fit in with all of the past single one of them fit in with all of the past continuity of those characters. I get the best of both situations. Plus, I built an entire new world in which to place those characters. World-building is one of the best parts of continue storytelling. Legenderry is the name of the world, and it is in fact a world peopled with some of the greatest legends of adventure fiction. This is my first-ever foray into the Steampunk genre, so that's another new adventure I get to go on as a

derry: A Steampunk Adventure is, as fillingham describes it "a world in Legenderry: A steampunk Adventure is, as Bill Willingham describes it, "a world in which the great heroes of our stories live in the flesh." The story begins in a massive Victorian-style metropolis, a city protected by Vampirella, the Green Hornet, and Kato. scarlet-clad woman of mystery rushes into a bar pursued by assassins, the resulting chaos spreads to other reimagined resulting chaos spreads to other reimagined landscapes ripped from classic comic books, literature, and television, including the wild jungles of The Phantom, Flash Gordon's futuristic haven of Landing, serial combat alongside Captain Victory, and more. The action eventually leads to the Monstrous Lands, an unruly territory both lawless and sinister

An event series four years in the making Legenderry proves the old adage that "good things come to those who wait." Willingham d the rich Dynamite Universe for the perfect characters to populate the vast, reimagined landscape of Legenderry. In recent months, Willingham has personally

overseen the visual development of the series, courtesy of designs by artist Johnny D., whose artwork has graced nu Dynamite covers and most recently, the complete Vampirella Strikes comic book series. "It was an honor to take some truly timeless characters and make them fit into the steampunk world," says Johnny D. "They all have a great unique base to go off, so it has been a lot of fun working on the designs. I've worked with many of these characters before and look forward to the series.

The cast of Legenderry characters changes each issue, as Willingham and Davila steer the action from one dazzling location to the next. Featured characters include Steve Austin of The Six Million Dollar Man, the classic pulp duo of Green Hornet and Kato, legendary masked adventurer Zorro, the Dynamite mainstay Vampirella, the beloved superheroes Silver Star and Captain Victory created by Jack Kirby, Flash Gordon and The Phantom from King Features Syndicate, and finally, the swords-and-sorcery icon Red

Bill Willingham has been writing, and occasionally drawing, "funnybooks" for close to thirty years, and authors prose fiction as well. He is best known for creating the following comic book series: Elementals, Ironwood, Coventry, Pantheon, Proposition Player, Shadowpact, and -- perhaps most notably -- the bestselling and long-running DC/Vertigo series, Fables and Fairest.

"I've personally known Bill Willingham for over three decades, and regard him as one of the most talented, hardworking, and innovative creators in our industry," says Nick Barrucci, CEO and Publisher of "I've been talking with him since 2009 about projects, but between his busy schedule and the explosive success of Fables and Fairest, we both wanted to wait until we could give the project the full attention it deserves. And Bill wouldn't want attention it deserves. And bill wouldn't want to give anything less than 100% of his attention! As time progressed, our many discussions have led to a groundbreaking event, something that will shake up something that will shake how people view our incredible library of characters. Bill wanted to work in a world without the constraints of continuity, where he could paint broad strokes on a fresh canvas. When the imagination and aesthetics of Steampunk science-fiction became our focus, well — the ideas just began to flow from his mind onto the page. It's my pleasure, both personal and professional, to welcome Bill Willingham to the Dynamite fold, and to welcome everyone with an adventurous spirit to the whimsical world of Legenderry."

Joseph Rybandt, Senior Editor of Dy "As a longtime fan of Bill's work, it was such a surprise that Nick Barrucci, our CEO and Publisher, had been able to work out a deal to not only create this character crossover, but to include some of our biggest and best company-owned and licensed characters. This is THE kick-off event for comics in 2014. Be there!"

Legenderry: A Steampunk Adventure will be solicited in Diamond Comic Distributors November Previews catalog, the premiere source of merchandise for the comic book specialty market, and slated for release beginning in January 2014. Comic book fans are encouraged to reserve copies of Legenderny with their local comic book shop or hobby specialty store. Legenderry: A Steamnunk Adventure will also be available individual customer purchase through digital platforms courtesy of Comixology, iVerse, and Dark Horse Digital.



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etnamese mafias into his orbit, reparing to turn rivals into deadly nemies. Long-plotted schemes come o fruition as the Shadow moves to



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A BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT THE SHADOW #20 FROM CHRIS ROBERSON'S SCRIPT TO GIOVANNI TIMPANO'S LINE ART TO FABBICIO GUERRA'S COLORS

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PANEL ONE

WE OPEN WITH A WIDE PANEL SHOWING A FLAT, SNOWY WASTE. ITS DAY TIME, BUT THE SKIES OVERHEAD ARE GRAY AND OVERCAST.

CAPTION: In this place, danger does not always lurk in the darkness.

CAPTION: Blinding snow and freezing cold are proof enough of that.

PANEL TWO

WE PAN OVER A BIT, AND SEE THE BEGINNINGS OF A TREE LINE, WOODS THAT MARCH UP TO THE EDGE OF THE SNOWY PLAIN. BUT THE TREES ARE BLACK AND LEAFLESS IN THE DEAD OF WINTER.

CAPTION: But there are shadows here, and things that lurk unseen.

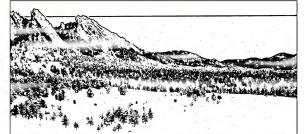
CAPTION: Death takes many guises, and trouble is never far.

PANEL THREE

NOW WE'RE IN THE WOODS, AND IN THE BACKGROUND WE SEE PRISONERS DRESSED FOR COLD WEATHER CUTTING DOWN TREES. BUT ONE OF THE PRISONERS IS TURNING AND SHOUTING LOUDLY OFF PANEL, HAVING SPOTTED SOMETHING THAT WE CAN'T SEE YET FROM THIS ANGLE.

CAPTION: But as the old Russian saying goes, when trouble arrives, it never travels alone.

PRISONER/yelling: <It's Ibragimov! I've found him!>





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PANEL ONE

A BIG PANEL, A FEW GUARDS HAVE COME OVER, AND WE'RE LOOKING PAST THEM AT WHAT THE PRISONER SAW. IT IS ANOTHER PRISONER, WHO HAS BEEN ESSENTIALLY CRUCIFIED AGAINST ONE OF THE TREES, HIS HANDS TIED TOGETHER ABOVE HIM TO THE TRUNK, HIS FEET TIED AT THE BOTTOM, AND HIS CLOTHES PARTIALLY RIPPED OFF. WE CAN'T SEE TOO MUCH GORE, BUT IT'S CLEAR HE'S BEEN BEATEN TO DEATH, BLOODY AND BRUISED, AND VERY MUCH DEAD.

CAPTION: Ibragimov is the sixth dead man to be found in as many weeks. Two guards and now four prisoners, each of them killed in the same fashion.

CAPTION: Lashed to a tree and beaten to death, not far from the work site.

PANEL TWO

WE SEE A GROUP OF PRISONERS STANDING BY, WATCHING. SOME ARE WORRIED, BUT MOST JUST LOOK EXHAUSTED. OUR ATTENTION IS ON YURI, WHO IS OUR NARRATOR FOR THIS ISSUE. HE IS MIDDLE AGED, WITH GREY HAIR (WHICH WE CAN'T SEE YET, BECAUSE HE'S GOT A HAT ON, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE).

CAPTION: In the camps, we are accustomed to violence and death. Killings are not uncommon, and each of us has found a fellow prisoner's lifeless body at least once.

CAPTION: But those are matters of angers released or of casual brutality. Not methodical, calculated. Not like THIS.

PANEL THREE

A GUARD IS TURNING HASTILY AWAY FROM THE CRUCIFIED MAN AND SHOUTING AT THE PRISONERS.

CAPTION: The guards, for whom death and suffering is a calling, are out of their depths here.

GUARD: <All of you, gather your tools! We are heading in for the night.>



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PANEL ONE

OUR ATTENTION IS ON YURI AS HE AND THE OTHER PRISONERS MARCH IN SINGLE FILE DOWN A SNOWY TRACK THROUGH THE WOODS. THE TREES IN THIS PART HAVE ALREADY BEEN CUT DOWN, AND THERE ARE STACKS OF LUMBER AROUND. THE GUARDS ARE KEEPING WATCH ON THE PRISONERS AS THEY GO.

CAPTION: Every day is spent in the woods at the western edge of the Siberian wastes, felling trees, planning lumber.

CAPTION: What use the lumber is put to, I could not say. But what would it matter? The labor is all.

PANEL TWO

A GUARD WITH A RIFLE IS SHOUTING AT THE PRISONERS AS THEY WALK BY HIM.

GUARD: <Productivity is down. Many of you did not make your daily quotas AGAIN.>

PANEL THREE

OFF YURI LOOKING AT ANOTHER PRISONER WHO WE CAN TELL EVEN THROUGH HIS HEAVY CLOTHES IS STARVING TO DEATH. FRAIL, SKIN AND BONES, GAUNT CHEEKS, BARELY ABLE TO STAND AND WALK.

CAPTION: In the camps, if you don't work, you don't eat. But if you don't eat, then you are not likely to work.

CAPTION: The "goners" are those trapped in that vicious cycle, starving bit by bit until they fall.

PANEL FOUR

CLOSE ON YURI AS HE FACES FORWARD, EYES NARROWED, LIPS PRESSED TOGETHER, HIS EXPRESSION HARD.

CAPTION: I have seen far too many men die in my years here. Far too many to remember them all.

CAPTION: But I am still here.



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PANEL ONE

WIDE ESTABLISHING SHOT OF THE PRISON BARRACKS. (SEE IMAGE REF FOR BASIC LAYOUT.) IT IS LATE AFTERNOON, AND THE PRISONERS ARE ENTERING THROUGH THE GATE UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYE OF THE ARMED GUARDS.

CAPTION: The Bolsheviks sent me here more than twelve years ago, after their revolution deposed the tsar.

CAPTION: Now I am one of the last tsarists left alive, and many of the new prisoners are Bolsheviks themselves.

PANEL TWO

OFF YURI LOOKING AT A GROUP OF NEW PRISONERS WHO ARE STANDING TOGETHER, BEING ADDRESSED BY A SUPERIOR GUARD. THE NEW ARRIVALS LOOK BETTER FED AND DRESSED THAN THE PRISONERS, BUT THEY ARE TERRIFIED, FRIGHTENED, AS OPPOSED TO THE ESTABLISHED PRISONERS WHO LOOK VACANT AND RESIGNED. BUT THERE IS ONE MAN AMONG THE NEWCOMERS WHO IS MOSTLY HANGING BACK, HIS FACE LARGELY HIDDEN IN SHADOWS. THIS IS THE SHADOW, OF COURSE, HERE IN DISGUISE.

GUARD: <--you will learn the rules of this camp, or you will suffer-->

CAPTION: Some of the newcomers are criminals, of course. But most are "dissidents."

CAPTION: Intellectuals, artists, writers, even former party leaders who have fallen out of Stalin's favor.

PANEL THREE

NOW IT'S LATER, AND YURI AND THE OTHERS ARE EATING IN THE BARRACKS. THE FOOD LOOKS HORRIBLE, BUT THEY'RE FORCING IT DOWN. SOUP AND STALE BREAD, MOSTLY, WITH WATER IN BENT METAL CUPS. (SEE BELOW.)

CAPTION: It hardly matters, though, who we were in life, or what we did.

CAPTION: We exist moment to moment, day to day.

